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FOR NEA/PAB ONLY, LANDE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: AF, OVIP
SUBJ: GENERAL HAIDER'S WIFE

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION THROUGH THE DEFENSE ATTACHE THAT THE WIFE OF CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF, AND NUMBER ONE MILITARY MAN IN COUNTRY, GENERAL HAIDER (RASULI) WILL BE VISITING THE UNITED STATES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE EXACT ARRIVAL DATE IS UNKNOWN BUT MRS. HAIDER IS EXPECTED TO DEPART AFGHANISTAN ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, AND PLANS A ONE-TWO MONTH STAY WITH HER SON (OMAR RASULI) IN THE WASHINGTON AREA. (AS YOU KNOW OMAR IS ATTACHED TO THE AFGHAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON.)

2. THE CHIEF OF FOREIGN LIAISON, MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (MND) HAS ASKED BILL SEWELL, OUR DEFENSE ATTACHE, ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AT A MILITARY OR CIVILIAN HOSPITAL BEING ARRANGED FOR MRS. HAIDER DURING HER STAY IN WASHINGTON. MRS. HAIDER'S ILLNESS HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY THE CHIEF OF FOREIGN LIAISON (MND) AS A "NERVOUS CONDITION." NO AGREEMENTS OR PROMISES HAVE BEEN MADE AND IT IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL EXPENSES WOULD BE PAID BY MRS. HAIDER.

3. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT GUIDANCE IN AIRGRAM A-9211, DECEMBER 17, 1974, AND BEARING IN MIND MRS. HAIDER'S CASE IS NOT CRITICAL TO U.S. INTEREST, AN OFFER TO MAKE SOME ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN EXAMINATION COULD MAKE U.S. SOME POINTS
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HERE WITH THE MILITARY.

4. OUR THOUGHT IS YOU MIGHT CHECK WITH DR. WATSON IN M/MED AND ASK HIM WHAT FACILITY IN WASHINGTON AREA WOULD BE BEST SUITED FOR A DISCREET SENSITIVE EXAMINATION OF AN AFGHAN WOMAN'S NERVOUS CONDITION. PERHAPS BILL CAN GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF PRICE TOO.

5. THEN WE SUGGEST YOU CALL OMAR RASULI AT THE AFGHAN EMBASSY, MENTION THE QUERY TO US (SO THAT BILL SEVELL PICKS UP POINTS) AND GIVE RASULI THE INFORMATION ON WHERE AN EXAM MIGHT BE ADMINISTERED.

6. I THINK IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT MRS. HAIDER WILL CHANGE HER MIND ABOUT SEEING A DOCTOR WHEN SHE GETS TO THE U.S. IN FACT, THE "ILLNESS" MAY BE A SCREEN TO HELP GET A PASSPORT IN KABUL.

7. LET US KNOW WHAT HAPPENS.
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